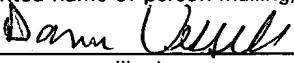


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment with the continuation-in-part application filed herewith. Applicants first thank the Examiner for the interview granted November 15, 2001, in the parent application (Serial No. 09/598,633, filed June 21, 2000). At the interview, Feldmeier et al. (U.S. Patent 6,048,558) and Berkowitz et al. (U.S. Patent 5,059,432) were discussed. Although no agreement was reached, Applicants proposed to amend the claims to exclude the essential element of Feldmeier et al. (i.e., anti-fogging agent) and/or the essential element of Berkowitz et al. (i.e., polyvinyl-pyrrolidone synthetic hydrocolloid). In this continuation-in-part application, Applicants have made such changes. Changes similar to the changes presented in the May 7, 2001

Amendment in the parent case have also been made in the present application.  
Applicants respectfully consideration of the claims.

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